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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Administration)

SUBJECT: Personnel Cuts in Overseas Stations.

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1. As a result of the Director's order on personnel ceilings and the order to cut the size of the [REDACTED] action is being taken by EE to reduce by approximately [REDACTED] persons the size of the [REDACTED] 25X1A6a

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2. It will be a natural tendency on the part of the operational divisions to give first priority to operational personnel and cuts will probably fall most heavily on field staff supervisory personnel, support elements and security personnel.

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3. Already the Security Officer at [REDACTED] has been declared surplus and is being returned to headquarters in January. His duties will be decentralized and are expected to be fulfilled by the various staff members at the [REDACTED] station on a piece assignment basis. It is anticipated that additional cuts of this nature will be proposed or made in [REDACTED] or possibly other areas. Security officers may be regarded by the operational divisions as staff support elements, not productive in the operational sense as case officers, and accordingly, security officers may not be considered as priority personnel when considering a reduced table of organization. 25X1A6a

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4. It is important that full consideration be given to security officer requirements when reducing the size of overseas missions. It is requested that arrangements be made with HQ/P whereby HQ/P will be consulted in any case where consideration is being given to the elimination or reduction of security officers or security staff overseas.

5. The security function cannot be adequately performed on a decentralized non-professional basis, but can only be carried out by professionally trained and experienced security personnel provided by HQ/P.

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